

# St. Anthony Information

## Egin Lakes Development

Phase I construction began in September 2002 and is scheduled to be completed by July 2003. This phase will expand day use parking, add restrooms and upgrade the unloading ramp. We hope to have a small, temporary dispersed camping area ready for use by the first of July 2003. The use of fire pans for open fires will be required in the dispersed camp area. Phase II will start in the fall or early next spring. A water system, RV dump station and developed camp units are planned. It is recommended that you make reservations at the Desert Oasis, 208-624-3275 (1½ miles east of Egin Lakes), or the Sand Hills Resort, 208-624-4127 (7 miles from Egin Lakes). Both locations provide access to the sand dunes. Camping is allowed north of the Sand Hills Resort, west of Red Road. The Cinder parking lot, east of Red Road, is a day use area only; overnight camping is prohibited.

## Sensitive Species and the Resource Conflict

ORV use of the St. Anthony Sand Dunes has grown dramatically over the past few years. Unfortunately, this use has spurred a noticeable decline in vegetation critical to winter land, wilderness quality and sensitive species. **Ride only on the open sand and on designated routes.** Our goal is to maintain a balance between recreation and conservation.

The following species are not listed as threatened or endangered but are species of special concern. Both species have state conservation assessments and strategies which are available at the BLM office in Idaho Falls. The BLM has conducted inventories to determine the populations and breeding areas for the Dunes Tiger Beetle and the Evening Primrose flower.

### Dunes Tiger Beetle

Color: Bronze Shell

Legs: 6

Size: 2" long

Lifespan: Less than 1 year

Location: On edges of dunes among the plants

### Evening Primrose

Color: white to pink

Petals: 4-Heartshaped

Leaves: 10" narrow, toothed

Height: 4-5"

Location: Grows among the lava rocks and sagebrush.

Do not ride over or through the Evening Primrose.

Bald Eagles (endangered species), Swainson's and Ferruginous hawks (sensitive species) also hunt, nest and breed in the area.

## SAFETY SUGGESTIONS

Safety is important on the Sand Dunes, for yourself and others. Mandatory safety rules that are in effect for the St. Anthony Sand Dunes are:

1. All ATVs, Dune Buggies/Sandrails and Sand Jeeps are required to have a 6' whip with a red or orange flag at the top. The whip must be mounted on the top rack of ATVs and on the top rail of the dune buggies.
2. Motorcycles are not required to have a flag due to the height of the seat.
3. Jumpers should have a spotter at the top of the dune when jumping; this provides safety for the jumper as well as others riding the dunes.

### **Always...**

1. Yield the right-of-way to uphill riders
2. Check over dune crest before descending
3. Watch for children, hikers, horse riders and sunbathers
4. Have a spotter if you are jumping a dune
5. Use caution when going around the lake--children frequent this area on their ATVs or motorcycles. It is common for them to dart in and out of the bushes.

If this is your first time to the St. Anthony Sand Dunes, use caution until you are familiar with the area. (The State of Idaho does not have a helmet law or age restriction)

### Suggested Equipment:

Gloves

Boots

6 ft. Safety Flag

Goggles

**REMEMBER RIDE ONLY ON THE OPEN SANDS!  
RIDE SAFE AND SMART!**